Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER **EGYP 3.0-018** Filing Date Application No. Examiner Art Unit 10/052,931-Conf. #1063 January 18, 2002 A. D. Diamond 1753 Applicant(s): Georges Nouadje and Frédéric Robert Invention: CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS SYSTEMS AND ADDITIVES TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims **Highest** Remaining Number Number **Extra Claims** After Previously Rate Amendment Paid Present 0.00 25.00 **Total Claims** 30 33 0 = X Independent 5 5 0 100.00 0.00 = X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): **TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:** 0.00 Small Entity Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. in the amount of \$ Please charge Deposit Account No. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 12-1095 The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: October 20, 2006 Michael H. Teschner Attorney/Agent Reg. No.: 32,862 LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP 600 South Avenue West

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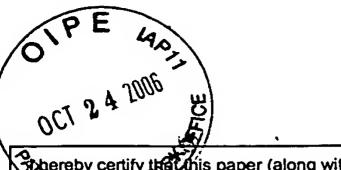
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SYSTEMS AND ADDITIVES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-23, 34 and 35, drawn to a capillary electrophoresis process and method of separating protein constituents.
- II. Claims 24, 25 and 27-30, drawn to a solution of a buffer system for capillary electrophoresis.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, and corresponding to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-23, 34 and 35. However, this election is made with traverse, in view

of the following amendment to the claims. Specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to include new claim 36, which corresponds to the election of Group I since new claim 36 is drawn to a capillary electrophoresis process and method of separating protein constituents. This claim is a "linking" In addition, claim 21 has been amended to correct a claim. spacing error, and claim 24 has been amended to eliminate the "in a liquid support" limitation. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendment, notwithstanding the different classifications of the claims of Group I and II, the "inventions" in these groups are now technologically related, if nowhere else, through new claim 36, and the respective searches would appear be to substantially Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that a coextensive. search for one "invention" will necessarily involve a search for the other as well. In accordance with the policies outlined in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where possible, a search of all "inventions" should be made together. It is respectfully submitted that doing so in this instance will not be unduly burdensome. Reconsideration of the requirement and examination of all the claims therefore respectfully are requested and considered to be appropriate in this case.

In the event the request to examine all the claims together is not granted, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.